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For: MANAGING OPERATIONS OF A  
COMPUTER SYSTEM HAVING A  
PLURALITY OF PARTITIONS

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 8 of this paper.